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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: Optical Modulator

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Examiner: D. Pinkney

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Madam:

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE**

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed November 30, 2011, enclosed is a completed issue fee transmittal form PTOL-85b.

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE UNDER 37  
CFR §1.104(e)**

Applicants have received and reviewed the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance with the Notice of Allowance and Allowability regarding the above-identified application. Entry of the Statement into the record should not be construed as any agreement with or acquiescence in the reasoning stated by the Examiner. Each of the claims stands on its own merits and is patentable because of the combination it recites and not because of the presence of any one particular element. Applicants respectfully submit that there may be many reasons for allowance of the claims, including reasons that were not stated by the Examiner.

The Examiner's Statement was not prepared by Applicants and only contains the Examiner's reasons for allowability. Thus, any interpretation with respect to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance should not be imputed to the Applicants.

The required issue fee and publication fee are being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization. Please apply all charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 50-3145, under Order No. 231441-323703 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: February 21, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

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